JCC Association of North America Filming Best Practices

Pre-Production: Planning

- **MESSAGE:**
- Plan what you are going to say
- Make sure your message has a clear, beginning, middle, and end
- Use the structure
 of a sentence

CALL TO ACTION:

Make sure your video has a clear "Call to Action" (CTA), e.g.: • Donate now

- Join today
- Exercise everyday

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Stay on topic: If it's an exercise video,make it be about exercise, and nothing else **LENGTH:** Keep your video short

Production: Filming & Recording

LOCATION:

- Choose a setting that fits your topic or theme, e.g. "From the desk of...,"
 "By the pool," etc.
- Make sure your location matches the tone of your planned topic

LIGHTING:

Film in the brightest spot in your location, but do not place the light or window behind you

RESOLUTION: Film at the highest

resolution possible



ORIENTATION:

Unless you're making an Instagram story, film horizontal (like your TV)



SOUND: Film in a

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quiet location without background noise

Post-Production: Editing (If you can. If not, keep recording until you get it right)

EDIT:

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People's datention spans are shorter than you think. Stick to the point

MUSIC: Music helps

set the tone (but DON'T USE COPYRIGHTED MUSIC)

IDENTIFY:

Identify everyone on screen—you make know the speakers, but your audience may not

CAPTIONS:

People watch videos on mute, on their phones add captions so they'll stop scrolling and watch.

VOICEOVER:

Consider adding a voiceover to keep the momentum and storyline flowing

Post-Production: Sharing

POST YOUR VIDEO:

No matter where you post your video, title the file and add a description

NAME YOUR VIDEO:

Add an accurate and clear title:

GOOD EXAMPLE: "5 Core Exercises You
 Can Do at Home from the (Your JCCName)"
 BAD EXAMPLE: "Exercise Vid 3"



ADD A DESCRIPTION:

Add an accurate and clear description: Make sure to include your JCC name, and don't forget to Identify everyone on screen

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